

MAXON MARINETell City, Perry County, IN
Revised December 27, 1999**Site Location and Description**

This site is located at the southern boundary of Tell City. It is divided into two sections by a floodwall, with the Ohio River bordering the west side of the property. The majority of the 30 acre site is beyond the protection of the floodwall.

Zip Code: 47586

Site Uses and Past Activities

Prior to 1940, the Maxon Marine site was used to manufacture wooden car bodies. The property was later used to construct boats. After WWII, the facility was used for the construction and repair of vessels and the construction of concrete spreading machines. In the 1950s, barges were manufactured full time. Other activities have occurred since then.

In March 1997, flooding along the Ohio River created a potential hazard at the site. Drums were moved into the machine shop outside the floodwall, and the smaller tanks in the containment area were also moved outside the floodwall.

Contaminants and Impacts

The IDEM Brownfield Environmental Assessment provided a sufficient screening of the property at the time. One soil sample was found to have a level of benzo(a)pyrene, a suspected carcinogen, of 13,000 ppm. The soil action level established by the Voluntary Remediation Program for benzo(a)pyrene is 7,940 ppm, which may require the removal of some soil. All of the water samples had levels below the maximum contaminant levels for drinking water. The groundwater at this location is moving toward the Ohio River and does not threaten any drinking water supply. Some of the drums are leaking, but are contained within the warehouse and do not pose an immediate threat.

Lead Agency

IDEM

Community Concerns

None specified.



Actions Taken

A Brownfield Environmental Assessment was completed by IDEM in May 1998. IDEM staff conducted the environmental assessment to identify the presence of contamination and help determine if the property would be a suitable candidate for redevelopment into a use more beneficial to the local community.

Current Status

After certain environmental conditions are addressed, IDEM considers this site a suitable candidate for redevelopment.

Future Actions

The approximately 100 drums and above ground storage tanks at the site need to be addressed. IDEM will continue to be available for consultation regarding future site activities and issues that may arise.

Cost Estimates

IDEM Brownfields Environmental Assessments are paid for out of a grant from the US EPA at no cost to the recipient.

For More Information

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